



MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Prior Application: M. MOCHIZUKI et al
Serial No. 10/046,973
Filed: January 17, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2652
Examiner: R. Tupper
For: MAGNETIC HEAD FOR PERPENDICULAR
RECORDING AND MAGNETIC DISK STORAGE
APPARATUS MOUNTING THE HEAD

REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

Commissioner for Patents
MS: Patent Application
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 10, 2004

Sir:

This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/046,973, filed on January 17, 2002, entitled MAGNETIC HEAD FOR PERPENDICULAR RECORDING AND MAGNETIC DISK STORAGE APPARATUS MOUNTING THE HEAD, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

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2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$ 770.00
Total Claims	10	-	20	=	0	x 18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x 86	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$ 770.00

3. A credit card payment form including the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

5. New drawings are enclosed, eleven (11) sheets, Figs. 1(A)-13.

6. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


7. The prior application is assigned to HITACHI, LTD.

8. Priority of the following Japanese Application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-077419, filed March 19, 2001.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present divisional application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/046,973 as originally filed on January 17, 2002.


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